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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants submit herewith a copy of one reference, JP Patent Publication No. 2002-118807, which was recently cited in an Official Action in corresponding Chinese Patent Application Serial No. 2003101157717, together with a listing of the same, on the attached Forms PTO/SB/08/A&B, for the USPTO's consideration. Also enclosed is a copy of the official Communication (Office Action) from the Chinese Patent Office.

To the extent that the enclosed document, JP 2002-118807, is not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the English language Abstract of the listed Japanese patent document.

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Respectfully submitted,

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